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County lock out?

Union rejects final offer; lock out is possible on May 24

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Both sides in the county government's labour dispute are expressing disappointment with each other's stance.

The county is disappointed that members of CUPE Local 1960 have rejected its proposed wage increase of four per cent in 2008 and three per cent for the next three years.

The union members are disappointed that the county has suspended contract talks and is in a legal position to lock out the workers on May 24.

"It's distressing and out of character," local union spokesman Brian Mulholland, who has been with the county roads department for 28 years, says of the county's stance. "I've been involved with negotiations three or four other times and there was a lot of give and take. You could go back to your men and say you've made an improvement. This time that's not possible."

"The employer is being more adamant. We're really trying to encourage them to come back to the bargaining table because we

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KIM EMMERSON/Special to The Echo

Rotary clean up

Last Thursday in lieu of their regular meeting, members of the Haliburton Rotary Club grabbed garbage bags and picked up all the winter debris from Head Lake Park and area. To reward such good behaviour, there was a barbecue at the gazebo. Lending a hand and a pointed stick were Rotarian Diane Smith and her husband Richard. By day's end the volunteers filled two pick-up trucks with garbage.

End of the line for hatchery grant

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The future of the Haliburton Fish Hatchery could be in jeopardy unless the Ministry of Natural Resources comes to the table and renews its funding commitment.

This June, members of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (which runs the hatchery) will see the end of its four-year \$100,000 trust fund from the province, and as yet

there is still no word on whether the fund will be replenished.

President Keith Hodgson says that while his organization has been unable to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources Donna Cansfield, he's still crossing his fingers that there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

"It may be hopeless, we don't know, but we're still hoping," says Hodgson. "We're still trying to get a meeting so we can reiter-

ate our values to [the Minister]."

In a typical year, Hodgson estimates the hatchery operates on a budget of roughly \$75,000, which means the province's \$25,000 a year pays for one third of the overall expenses.

"We do need that money," said Hodgson. "Without that \$25,000 it's going to be very tough."

In 2003, when the trust fund was first announced by the Ernie Eves Conservative government,

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No Schafer opera in 2008

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Haliburton Forest is taking a hiatus from the Patria outdoor operas.

"We need a breather but we need to keep momentum," Peter Schleifenbaum told the spring meeting of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association on Saturday morning.

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news and events worth noting

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Want to have a spring fling? The Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary is hosting a fundraising fashion show on Sunday, June 1. It will feature clothing from Country Pickin's in Haliburton. Tickets are \$2 each and the proceeds will help the auxiliary purchase much needed equipment for the Haliburton hospital. Tickets are available in advance at Country Pickin's or by calling 457-3030. They are also available at the door. The Spring Fling starts at 1 p.m.

On Monday, May 26, you can get a bargain at the Haliburton and Minden Subway and help health services. The two businesses are not only offering two-for-the-price-of-one subs, but they are also donating 25 per cent of all sub sales from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. that day to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Kashagawigamog cottager Morley Torgov is launching his new book, *Murder in A-Major* at the Gladstone Hotel in Toronto on May 29.

Forest hosts festival

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Haliburton Forest built an outdoor stage on Bone Lake for productions of R. Murray Schafer's cycle of musical dramas. It has hosted *Princess of the Stars*, *Palace of the Cinabar Phoenix* and *The Enchanted Forest*.

Schleifenbaum, whose family owns and manages Haliburton Forest, says there will be no Patria production this summer or next.

Instead, he is building on the success of last year's series of concerts and creating The Forest Festival.

It is set to open on August 22 with a sunset performance of *Primadonna Goes Into the Woods* with renowned Canadian soprano Mary Lou Fallis accompanied by Peter Tiefenbach on piano.

It continues with an afternoon concert of classical music, three afternoon dance performances with Davida Monk and M-body, a sunset concert with local performers, evening concerts of Words and Music featuring the band Porkbelly Futures and readings by band member, and author, Paul Quarrington and guest, a sunset concert with a five-woman Japanese Taiko percussion ensemble, and sunset concerts with the Forest Festival Brass playing the works of Handel, Schafer, J. Scott Irvine and traditional Celtic selections. The latter close the Festival on August 30 and 31.

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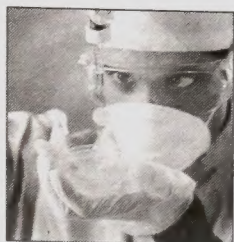
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Community Care wins big thanks to students at Hal High

SUNITA KARIR

Staff Reporter

Students in the Grade 10 Civics course at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gave back to the community in a big way last week. They participated in a national initiative and won \$5,000 for Community Care.

The money is coming from the Toskan Casale Foundation, "a family foundation dedicated to supporting and strengthening community-based social programs and organizations." The Foundation started up in 2001. Shortly after, in 2002, the youth and philanthropy initiative program began.

Local charities are chosen by students to be researched. Then they present their case on why their charity should be chosen as the beneficiary of a \$5,000 grant. The best case wins.

As the students find out more about their charity, they also learn about some of the problems that face their community.

On Monday, May 12, the four finalists presented their argument to a panel of judges in the seminar room at the high school.

Charities represented on the final day were Haliburton Hospice Palliative Care, the Supportive Initiative for Residents of the County of Haliburton (SIRCH), the Four Counties Addiction Services, and Community Care.



SUNITA KARIR/ECHO

High school teacher Paul Morissette, left, and principal Gary Brohman, right, were part of the judging panel that chose students Nadia Shivji, Dylan Sylvestre and Caitlin Hunter's presentation to win \$5,000 for Community Care. The cheque was presented to the three students by Amanda Baine, far right, a facilitator from the Toskan Casale Foundation that donated the money.

The three students who started the day with their presentation on Community Care ended up taking home the big prize in the end. Nadia Shivji, Dylan Sylvestre and Caitlin Hunter put together a video about Community Care. They interviewed two women who have been with the charity for a number of years.

"We worked really hard on it," said Nadia. "We actually got to meet one of the founders, and we think they really deserve (the money)."

Community Care assists adults with disabilities who are older than 18, as well as people who are older than 55.

"One of the volunteers said it's actually like getting a hug every day that you're there because of the number of people they help," said Nadia.

Dylan and Caitlin were also extremely pleased with the result. They both said that Community Care really deserved the

award, but at the same time they really enjoyed participating in the program.

Teacher Paul Morissette found out about the initiative from a friend and decided to start it up at HHSS. Although the initiative has been going on for five years, and has been done in over 200 schools across Canada, this was Haliburton's first year of participation.

"I think it's great because hundreds of people will benefit through Community Care, and at the same time the kids learned a lot through the process," said Morissette. "Students get to see what they're doing get put into action, and learn that this is what civics is really about."

Amanda Baine, the foundation's youth philanthropy initiative facilitator, says that "the program has been very successful across Canada, and over a million dollars has been given to different charities."

Community Care is not sure yet how

the money will be spent but it will definitely help them in continuing to provide services to Haliburton County residents. Donna MacDonald, executive director for Community Care, is thrilled with the work the students did, and is very thankful for their support. She said "we're working on some intergenerational activities so to have the students come to us was a real honour."

The intergenerational work includes a book called *Generation to Generation*, in which seniors worked with students from the high school and passed knowledge from one age group to another.

Morissette plans on helping the program to continue at the high school. Next year the presentations may be put on in front of a larger group of students. All the students are coming out of the program with a much broader knowledge of local charities as a whole.

Mandatory sprinklers in new homes under consideration

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the May 12 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The Dysart et al fire department responded to seven fires last month, two of which were serious structure fires.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan said the fires occurred at Eagle Lake and Oblong Lake. The incidents resulted in a total loss of both buildings with an estimated value of \$275,000.

After returning from a fire chiefs' meeting and education seminar in Toronto, Maughan also told council that there is

currently a push in provincial parliament to make the installation of heat-sensitive fire sprinklers mandatory in all new homes.

Maughan said studies have shown that children often don't wake up when smoke alarms sound, and many smoke alarms continue to be left without batteries.

As a result, it's believed that sprinkler systems could potentially save both people's homes and lives.

Pizza Pizza moves on

Popular chain restaurant Pizza Pizza has withdrawn a proposal to set up shop in Haliburton.

The company was contemplating opening a restaurant at the front of the Bargain!

Shop on Highland Street, but CAO Tammy McKelvey said that offer is now off the table.

Instead, McKelvey said the Bargain! Shop now plans to expand and take over the front of the building.

Pumper purchase approved

Following a recommendation from the fire chief, council approved the purchase of a new fire tanker/pumper that will hopefully last the municipality for the next 20 to 25 years.

Of six bidders, council chose the lowest tender - submitted by Eastway Emergency Vehicles in Ottawa - for approximately \$207,000.

BIA board appointed

Council passed a by-law appointing a number of local business owners as directors on the Haliburton BIA board of management: Andy Chvedukas, Luke Schell, Ray Langdon, Walt McKechnie, Kathy Stouffer, Bob Park, Andy Glecoff and Jim Henwood. Andrea Roberts will represent council.

Games are a go

Organizers of the 2008 Highland Games were granted use of Head Lake Park for this year's event on Saturday, July 12.

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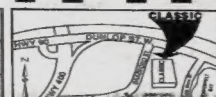
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'We plan, God laughs'

Guest speakers share nightmare stories of uranium and radon

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

This is part two of the May 10 information meeting that Environment Haliburton hosted at Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Most people who live in a rural area such as Haliburton County do so by choice; they no longer desire or tolerate the hustle and bustle of city life. Unfortunately for some, the move has been nothing but a nightmare.

John Kittle and his wife Sheila bought a two-acre retirement property on the Mississippi River in North Frontenac. Less than a year later they found out that they were 10 km down river from a uranium site.

What's unique about Kittle is his background — he has degrees in physics and computer science and spent three years in a nuclear physics lab studying radioactive properties of uranium.

"The core of my message here today," said Kittle, "is that something is wrong with democracy in this country. Too much power is concentrated in too few people including provincial and federal politicians and also the mining industries."

"These people are making decisions that will affect us for a long time. These decisions will affect our environment, our health, our property values and our rights as citizens and if we want this to change we're going to have to stand up and demand it."

Kittle said the Mining Act is archaic, dating back to 1800s and the wild west days. He also showed a slide, which he pulled directly from the website of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. It

was a map verifying uranium deposits in Ontario.

"This is what Ontario, the province, is advertising to the world," said Kittle. "Come to Ontario, we're open."

Kittle made numerous calls to various provincial ministries and a number of other organizations. "Nobody in government takes any responsibility whatsoever for regulating or even monitoring uranium exploration in the province," said Kittle. "Mining companies are on the honour system in Ontario."

It angers him when people say that the mining uranium is Ontario is necessary. "Since the early the 80s Ontario gets all of its uranium from Northern Saskatchewan. No uranium is currently mined in Ontario," said Kittle. "And over 85 per cent of mined uranium in Northern Saskatchewan is exported, so you can't tell me we need Ontario uranium to keep the lights on in the province, which is what [Premier Dalton] McGuinty believes."

He said uranium mines' track records aren't very good. In 2005 the auditor general identified of 5,600 dormant mine sites in Ontario; 4,000 were potentially hazardous to public health and safety.

Kittle says many things about mining in Ontario are wrong: free entry to private property, Ministry of Natural Resources policies for Crown land, citizens' lack of rights, and government energy policies that are a holiday for mining assessments.

"And it's wrong that the Ontario government treats people who oppose uranium exploitation like enemies of the state," said Kittle. "Ontario should be ashamed."

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Fundraising dinner supports anti-uranium efforts

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Those interested in being part of the coalition against uranium mining in Haliburton County are invited to attend a fundraising dinner on May 25 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Old Country House.

The evening is a chance for representatives of organizations and concerned community members to discuss ideas in support of the campaign for a moratorium on uranium mining in Ontario.

"We've succeeded wonderfully in securing the support of townships and county council in advocating the moratorium," said Doug Smith, who represents the Green Party of Ontario for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Between courses Smith says there will be speeches from groups such as FUME (Fight Uranium Mining Exploration), the Green Party, and, it's hoped, other groups such as Environment Haliburton! and the NDP.

Smith says continuing to meet and share ideas is essential to moving forward in the fight against uranium mining in the county and Ontario. Having secured the support of a number of municipal councils, Smith says the next obvious step is to approach the provincial government.

"And in order to do that we need a broad coalition," said Smith.

Tickets for the culinary feast at the Old Country House are \$60 per person.

For more information call Doug Smith at 286-4924 or Robin Simpson at 447-3407.

Radioactivity; exactly what does it do to the human body?

from page 4

What continues to be the most difficult challenge for those fighting uranium exploration and mining is convincing the general public that it is nothing but bad news. It's human nature that we have to experience something tragic before we grasp the idea that something needs to change.

Three local municipalities and the county have passed a resolution calling for a moratorium on uranium mining in Ontario. Kittle says, "It's the best one I've ever seen. It's oriented for cottagers, eco-tourism, energy, everything is in there."

Dangerous stuff and historical wastelands

Linda Harvey is a retired family physician living in the Sharbot Lake area. She also has degrees in physiology and biology with specialties in ecology and field biology.

"I wanted to speak to you today about a whole host of issues pertaining to uranium and the environment but I scraped them all except one," said Harvey. "I'm going to speak to you about radioactivity and what it does to the human body and the bodies of the other organisms is gets into."

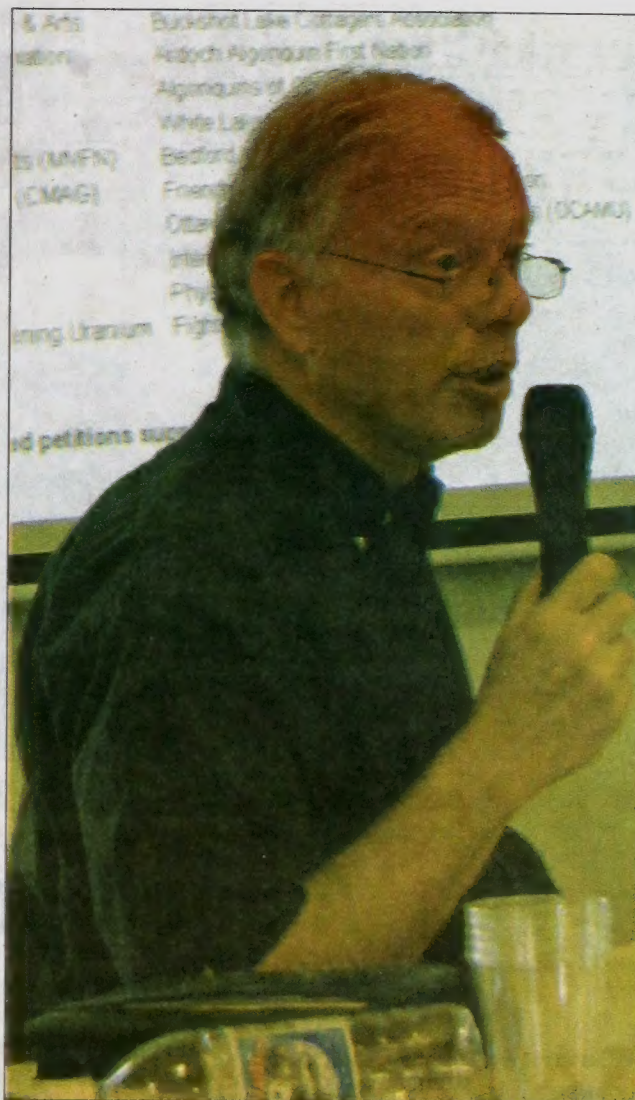
The majority of Harvey's address was quite technical. To paraphrase, she said that once rock formations are broken up radon gas is released. This gas is a product of the radioactive decay of uranium, which leads to a process called ionizing. And Harvey says that, "All ionizing radiation is known to be destructive to biological tissue." Essentially, she said, it's like "a wrecking ball in a China shop."

And this process goes deeper than bones; it can disrupt and rewire DNA cells and can be passed on from generation to generation causing genetic defects. But there were two examples of what Harvey said that put the topic into perspective.

"We haven't even begun to see what we've already done," she said. "We are poised on the edge of a nuclear renaissance. Why we can even consider this economically I cannot fathom, but biologically it's pure insanity."

Harvey spoke about an experience she had in a university chemistry lab. There was a small accident and a flask of concentrated sulfuric acid burst, scattering in all directions. A small portion landed on Harvey's lab coat, which she took home and laundered thoroughly.

There were two small holes in the front that gradually got bigger and by the end of the year she could hardly



John Kittle lives near a proposed uranium site and thinks the laws in the Mining Act are just wrong.

hang the coat on a hanger.

"What was going on in that lab coat is very similar to what excess radioactivity is doing to our bodies," she said.

Valerie Hunnius is the secretary of the Paudash Lake Conservation Association (PLCA). She gave a little history about the Bicroft, Dyno, and Faraday mines, as well as their environmental impacts and the lack of clean up and responsibility — not by the residents but by the government and mining companies after mining ceased in the early 60s.

"There was no safety net in place when they closed the mines," said Hunnius.

For years the PLCA tried to build good working relationships with the government and mining companies to get someone to take responsibility to safely decommission the mines.

But all efforts were in vain.

In 1985 Hunnius and the PLCA contacted the Canadian Institute for Radiation Safety. The institute was asked to do reports on a couple of items; one was on exposure risks to people near the abandoned mine sites.

"It was very clear there was a heightened risk of cancers, there was a heightened risk of genetic damage, and there was a heightened risk of birth defects."

Hunnius also talked about the housing sites that were examined in the Bicroft area.

"Of the 129 sites that were looked at, 109 were found to need remediation because of the gravel from waste rock," she said.

The PLCA lobbied the federal and provincial government to clean and safely decommission the mines.

Where do we go from here?

John Hudson is a retired United Church of Canada minister. He lives at Snow Grove Station, a small island on the Mississippi River, approximately five kilometres from the Frontenac Ventures proposed uranium mine site. He is a great supporter of the First Nations — so great that his involvement in a blockade for 108 days landed him a contempt of court charge and a jail sentence of six months.

Commenting on his role in the struggle, he said, "It's a political problem that needs a political solution — not the courts." He believes civil disobedience is an important part of democracy.

His very good friend Michael Swinwood has launched a \$1.2 class action lawsuit against the province and was a very influential speaker. His message was that as a group, and as a society, we need to come together in great numbers and take a stand.

So where do we go from here?

"Let's not go away," said Kittle.

"We need to form coalitions of all groups," added Hudson.

"Shift happens," said Swinwood.

"Here, here," responded one man in the crowd.

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Let's solve this

THE UNION REPRESENTATIVE for county workers isn't sounding very smug right now. In fact, Brian Mulholland readily admits that the county is in a position of strength, not the union. If the county locks out its unionized workers at the end of this week, not many ratepayers would notice. The county doesn't operate many of the services people rely on for their day-to-day existence especially now that we don't have to worry about whether the roads will be plowed in time for us to get to work. Even the larger roads projects on county roads will continue because they've been contracted out. So if the county locks the doors on its unionized workers, the public won't be clamouring for a quick end to the labour dispute.

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It's always difficult in these cases to choose sides. On the one hand, the county's offer of four per cent this year and three per cent for the next three years seems perfectly reasonable. On the other, the county road workers deserve at least parity with their municipal brethren, if not extra recognition for being willing to work a night shift in the winter.

Let's hope neither side is drawing a line in the sand just for the heck of it. The recent strike in the City of Kawartha Lakes became a prolonged, sometimes nasty affair. We don't want bad blood between the county and its workers. We all rely on harmonious relations because it's part of who we are as a county. A strike or a lock out takes a long time to get over. Let's not get in to either.

Feeding the fish

It's not just anglers who appreciate the work being done by the dozens of volunteers at the Haliburton fish hatchery. These men and women have dedicated years' worth of labour to protect and promote our fisheries. Their work on the Haliburton Gold project has been both educational and scientific. By collecting the eggs of these glacial relics, local lake trout populations are being restored.

The provincial government recognizes fishing as an important recreational activity, one that enhances the economy of communities across Ontario. It also benefits by not having to pay provincial workers to do the work of all those fish hatchery volunteers. It's certainly been getting a lot of bang for its buck over the past few years.

While we're not in a dire situation yet, it would be comforting for all of us to know that the province is going to continue to provide the base funding that makes operations at the fish hatchery possible. The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which manages the hatchery and the provincial funds, does a stellar job and is already quite active in fundraising. It's too much to ask its volunteer members to do more.

Let's hope the Minister of Natural Resources puts the hatchery's fears at rest soon and announces that more funding will be available. Then the volunteers can concentrate on what they do best – helping all of us enjoy the riches of life in the Haliburton Highlands.



Curled Figures at the Sculpture Forest

PHOTO BY Martha Perkins

A good poke in the eye

I WAS JUST READING A STORY about an Australian swimmer who survived an attack by a 16-foot Great White Shark. When things looked darkest, when that shark was pulling him under and tearing up his calf, this guy had the foresight and courage to poke that fearsome predator in both eyes. This simple but time-honoured attack caused the shark to quickly relinquish its death grip on his leg and fade off into the murky depths, where I'm sure it promptly ran headfirst into a coral reef.

I think there's a lesson to be learned here. Between you and me, I have always been an advocate of a good poke in the eye. I have the Three Stooges – Moe in particular – to thank for this.

If you really think about it, a poke in the eye is simply the old-fashioned version of pepper spray. The difference is that you rarely have to rummage through your purse or backpack to find your fingers. If you do, it's probably too late.

More than that, I believe eye pokes are what allowed us to climb the evolutionary ladder to the rung that we currently cling to. Each one of us is, no doubt, the descendant of someone who successfully employed the eye poke on a bigger, meaner creature.

Please understand that I'm not advocating making eye pokes a regular part of your daily human experience. Instead, I'm suggesting that, when things get really bad, consider this a viable option.

For instance, if I were to ever accidentally walk into an all-male nudist colony, especially if they were in the midst of practising hurdles,

jumping-jacks, or even the sack race, I would not hesitate to poke myself in both eyes. Yes, it's severe and painful but I think that's the only reasonable response to such a horrifying situation.

Similarly, if a bear decided to rough me up, I might unleash two fingers of optical discomfort upon its sorry behind – but only if I couldn't reach its eyes. Heck, if the technique made a giant Great White Shark turn tail and run, it ought to make a little old bear think twice too.

This, by the way, is the primary reason why I'd caution you to never annoy a concert pianist.

Make no mistake, it's much more difficult poking a bear in the eye than a shark. A bear, after all, can put his paw up vertically to the bridge of his nose to easily block the traditional fork-fingered poke. That's why you need to be

prepared to use two individual forefingers in a co-ordinated effort if you happen to be hiking in bear country.

A shark, on the other hand, is tailor made for eye pokes since it can't get a fin up to the bridge of its nose. In fact, the only marine predator that might render this technique ineffective is an octopus. Remembering this can save your life.

When you get right down to it, this is not pretty and it's even less nice. But it does alert the beast to the fact that you do not appreciate being gnawed on. Which is something it might not have considered prior to this.

Come to think of it, a poke in the eye is all that really separates us from the savage beasts – that, and an appreciation of the Three Stooges.



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Blackflies and bathing suits

THE LITTLE BOY, baseball cap firmly in place, skipped ahead of his father into the hardware store. Dad, list in hand, wore a determined, focused look. But the child only cared about going on this outing with dad as they stocked up for the cottage. Despite the cold weather, both were wearing shorts as dictated by this being the first long weekend of the cottage season.

Stan watched them with a smile of recollection, for he and his own father had always taken that first trip into town to buy rope, ant traps, mosquito coils and a new hammer to replace the one that magically disappeared over the winter months. Even if he shivered in his shorts, he would not dare complain as though to do so would somehow be a negative reflection on that holiest of holies, their summer cottage. Later he could warm by the woodstove, hot cocoa in hand.

After battling gridlock getting out of the city, dealing with children's throw-up and the complaining of cats trapped in a car, Stan's family would arrive at the cottage full of anticipation as well as fatigue. The parents knew there were hours of cleaning ahead of them as they dealt with mouse nests, winter's dust and the grime that remained from Thanksgiving's traffic. The children knew their bedrooms would smell differently from their city ones and they would lie on the lumpy old



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mattresses inhaling deeply before bolting for hours outdoors. Mom and dad were only too happy to see them out of the way while the inside work got done.

However Stan always tried to keep the cottage in sight even while he ran and climbed and explored amidst the rocks and trees. He knew Jonas would be dropping by at some point and Stan didn't want to miss him. Sure enough a rattly old pickup of indeterminate colour would pull into the driveway and out would climb Jonas. Stan would then race into the cottage announcing Jonas' arrival before settling himself onto a kitchen chair. Jonas would stand there beside the table, his endless legs encased in denim coveralls and long underwear rolled up his arms exposing a multitude of scabbed and bleeding black fly bites. Jonas seemed oblivious to these as well as the similar bumps on his face and neck. "It's just part of spring," he once remarked when Stan's dad commented on the carnage.

Jonas took a proprietary role with their cottage and indeed many others up and down this back country road. He provided firewood, basic carpentry work and recommendations on who to call and where to go if he was unable to meet a need himself. Coincidentally his advice often included members of his large extended family. Jonas was reliable, polite and had a dry sense of humour that took some time to discover. To Stan he was a big man who talked differently and never changed in appearance year after year. Once Jonas had made his inaugural visit, it felt as though they had officially settled in for the new season.

Of course, being at the cottage meant swimming, no matter the temperature of air or water. If the sun was covering the greening landscape in bright clear warmth, Stan could spread his blue-lipped body before it on a beach towel and convince himself the water was just fine for swimming. And if the clouds had rolled in instead, perhaps with a wind or a drop of rain, no matter, for then Stan could say through his chattering teeth that the water was warmer than the air and so perfect for swimming that day. Thick terrycloth robes were then a must upon emerging from the lake.

When they all sat down to dinner at the end of the first day, it mattered little what their mother had prepared. Often it was wieners and beans, toast and coleslaw topped off with apple pie warmed in the oven for dessert. It could have been sawdust and Stan would have eaten just as heartily. Everything tasted good by that hour as they sat at the old table listening to frogs and loons, smelling wood smoke or damp leaves, depending on the weather.

As he lay in bed under the worn old flannel sheets, staring at the ceiling rafters, Stan wished with all his heart he could stay there forever. Who needed school and sidewalks when there was swimming, fishing and trees to climb? As he quickly slipped into sleep, his last thoughts were wondering how old he'd have to be to get a job helping Jonas.



pic of the past

Joe Iles dropped by with this week's Pic of the Past with the hopes that someone would be able to help us identify where the photo was taken and some of the men in the photo. These tar paper logging camps were common throughout the Highlands, he says. "When they were finished logging they'd tear them down and build one somewhere else."

letters to the editor

Congratulations to those who support the environment

To the Editor:

Environment Haliburton! is delighted to congratulate and thank the townships of Highlands East, Dysart and Algonquin Highlands for joining with other eastern Ontario municipal governments in calling upon the provincial government to institute a moratorium on uranium exploration and mining.

Throughout North America, it is local governments who are taking the lead in environmental

measures from signing up to the Kyoto Accord to participating in Earth Hour to banning pesticide use to encouraging water conservation. Local governments are closest to their citizens. Their environmental concerns and reflect our desire to protect our home, mother earth. It is encouraging to know that Haliburton County is not running a democratic deficit!

Again, thank you and congratulations

Heather Ross for EH!

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



A little niceness goes a long way in 70-year marriage

Jim and Marge Del Greco's love is as fresh as it was when they married on May 21, 1938

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

JIM AND MARGE DEL GRECO are having a cup of tea in the sunroom of their Haliburton Lake home.

"Mom, do you remember...?" he says, starting a story that she helps him finish a few minutes later.

"What about our bird, Timmy?" she says, setting them off down the path of another story.

Husband and wife sit and talk like this until long after the tea gets cold. Sometimes the story makes them laugh, sometimes it makes the tears well up, especially if it's about one of their old pets. (Jim says that he knows he's being sentimental but he wants to be buried with the ashes of Chantelle, his beloved Shitz su.)

They look into each other's eyes as if it's there that they will see their past: And it's there, in each other's gaze, that they find it.

Listening to this easy rapport between husband and wife, you have to ask yourself: "Is the secret to being happily married for 70 years simply being nice to one another?"

The Del Grecos certainly make being married for such a long time seem easy. They exchanged vows on May 21, 1938; he was 21 and she was 20 and had already dated for four years. Today they are still each other's best friend. They laugh at stories they've heard a hundred times and are usually successful in biting their tongue when a story is told in not quite the way they remember it. They say please and thank you and treat each other with respect. Their days are filled with countless kindnesses. He's a dapper gentleman (with a tendency towards teasing) and she's his beautiful princess (with a tendency towards not believing in fairy tales.)

"We like each other's likes," he says, "and try to compromise on the others."

Indeed. Although Jim's a former national boat racing champion he can easily recite the name of each Royal Doulton figurine in their living room. She was a stay-at-home mother who talks about "her boy", Jeff Gordon, the NASCAR champion who

she can't bear to watch on TV if he's losing. (She couldn't bear watching her husband race, period, and on one occasion she had good reason not to.)

For the past 10 years, they've been spending a lot of their time together. She's had various health problems which have limited her mobility. He cooks three meals a day, tidies the house fastidiously, tends the gardens so she has something pretty to look at and sits with her every night to keep her company while she watches television. He leaves the house only one day a week when a housekeeper is there to keep an eye on Marge.

Their life has had its share of hardships and injustices but they don't dwell on them. They prefer to tell the happy stories which keep bitterness at bay.

Marjorie Lampard was born on January 4, 1918, the youngest of 12 children, in a Welsh town that's impossible to spell but sounds lovely to the ear. Her father, Arthur, was a coal miner who wanted to immigrate to America but the quota was full. His next choice was Australia but his wife, Margaret, couldn't stomach crossing the Indian Ocean to get there. So instead, Arthur and Margaret packed their younger children - Harry, Blanche, Ruby, Maisie and Marge - on a boat to Canada.

"My mother was sick from the day she got on the boat 'til the day she got off," says Marge, who was five when she crossed the Atlantic.

Life might have been better in Toronto but that doesn't mean it still wasn't hard. Marge and her sister Maisie quit school - willingly - so they could work at the General Leather Goods factory to help ends meet.

"If you could help your parents, you did," Marge says, with the determined spirit that makes her intolerant of those who wouldn't do the same today. It was smelly, hard work. One of her jobs was gluing wallets together, for which she earned \$9 a week - "and you couldn't even have time off to have a pee!"

"Those days," she says, "were not like

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

On May 21, Jim and Margaret Del Greco will celebrate their 70th anniversary at home on Haliburton Lake. They met at a movie theatre when she was 16 and he was 17 and still like to sneak a kiss. "Just because you're old, don't act like it," Jim says.



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Teenagers meet at movie; romance begins on walk home

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today. They're just lazy today. My parents needed my money. You did what you could. That was life."

One afternoon, she and her girlfriend escaped reality by going to the Major Theatre on Rogers Road. For some reason, they kept a couple of seats between them.

In walks Jim Del Greco and his buddy Georgie. They spot the empty seats between the two pretty girls and prove that nature abhors a void. "Georgie and I decided that I'd speak to one and he'd speak to the other," Jim says. The plan seemed to backfire when the girl Jim sat beside, Marge, almost immediately got up and left. (She doesn't remember why.)

"I thought, 'I'm through,'" he says. "But she came back and we got talking. We walked her home and that was it." Marge was 16 and Jim was 17.

Born on May 2, 1917, Jim was the only child of Mildred Ferrier and Peter Del Greco, who could trace the family's roots in Italy back to the 6th century. Peter had immigrated to Canada when he was 14.

Jim's main passion – before meeting Marge – was bicycling. "I tried to be a racer but I didn't make it anything serious," he says. "Georgie and I used to ride to Hamilton and back in a day. I bicycled to St. Catharines and came back the next day. It was nothing. There was no traffic."

"Jim was tall and very thin," says Marge, who was blonde and fair skinned. "His skin had a beautiful dark tone and I was so fair. I was attracted to that. I was the only girl he went with."

Asked what teenagers did for a date in the mid-1930s, they say, "We walked." They'd walk to the skating rink or to the movies. Sometimes they'd walk just for the sake of it. And one day he took her to Exhibition Place to watch part of a six-day, round-the-clock bike race.

After class and on weekends, Jim worked for his father's construction business. "I left school in Grade 12 because he needed a person to operate a machine for 'just a few days.'" When days stretched into a few weeks, Jim felt it would be too hard to catch up with school work so

he quit. He worked for his father for \$5 a week.

Five dollars a week. Marge had to buy him shirts and ties with the money she was making. At least he had enough money to start payments of 25 cents a week for an engagement ring, and then a wedding ring.

As soon as the engagement was announced, however, Jim's father opened his wallet. Mr. Del Greco senior paid for the entire wedding, on May 21, 1938, at St. Mary's of the Angel at Dufferin and Dovercourt. It was a grand affair that even the mayor of Toronto attended, in deference to Peter Del Greco's construction business ties. The couple knew only half the people at the wedding.

The newlyweds had only the next day, a Sunday, for their honeymoon because on Monday Jim was at work. As generous as Peter Del Greco was with his daughter-in-law, he was much more stringent with his son, who was now earning a paltry \$25 a week.

Marge says of her husband, with a deeply instilled sense of pride and admiration, "This man has been a hard worker since the day he was born. I wanted to work but he wouldn't let me."

Jim interjects: "It was a man's job to take care of his wife." Not that she had much time to work. Their first son, Peter, was born a year after they married.

Jim worked for his father until June of 1940. "We had a little tiff," Jim says, preferring not to talk much about his complex relationship with his father. "I quit my job. We had no money except my last pay cheque and a little bit of life insurance. My wife says, 'What are we going to do now?' I said 'We're going to borrow from our life insurance and take a few days off.' We travelled to North Bay and visited her sister. It was my first holiday. You accepted things more than you do today."

When they got back to Toronto a few days later, they went bowling with some friends. Jim mentioned that he was thinking of signing up with the air force and the friend asked, "What side would you be fighting for?"

Jim was livid, and he's still angry about it today. His father was born in Italy but volunteered in the Canadian army in the First World War. Jim was born in Canada and



Jim Del Greco and Marjorie Lampard had a huge wedding on a Saturday but he had to be back at work for his father on the Monday.

while he can make a wonderful dish of gnocchi, he's Canadian through and through.

"You talk about discrimination. When you were an Italian you were a wop and a dago and all the names you could be called."

Marge once came home with scratches and bruises after a fight with someone who made pejorative comments about her husband's Italian heritage. "I'm a fighter," she says, displaying some of the feistiness that's never far under the surface. "I don't take s--- from anyone."

Jim thinks discrimination was at play when he went to the air force recruiting office that June and didn't hear from anyone until two plainclothes RCMP officers came knocking on his door in September.

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The RCMP said they'd received a complaint that he hadn't complied with the National Registration Act. Jim took out his wallet and showed them his card. Everything was in order. They believe that either the RCMP was suspicious of his reasons for signing up or neighbours had raised the red flag. "You've got a little more than your neighbours [who are not Italian] and they complain."

A few days later Jim was accepted in the air force, although he didn't have to report for duty until January 4, 1941.

At first he trained as an airframe mechanic. He wanted to fly, however, so he re-mustered to air crew. His attempts to become a wireless air gunner hit a wall at 20 words a minute for Morse code. Finally he settled in as a flight engineer – "a mechanic who's flying."

For most of this time, Marge stayed in Toronto with son Peter and Jim came home on weekends (except when he was grounded for playing craps.) She had no trouble making friends and her home was open to all, especially many of the younger soldiers in Jim's unit. They'd help her take frozen diapers off the clothesline and she'd make them tomato soup cake and butter tarts. "They were a wonderful bunch of boys," she says.

"My wife likes people and likes to speak to them," Jim says, before turning to his wife and asking, "How else can I explain you?"

"She's very sociable," he adds. "She's not backward in coming forward."

Marge had her own battles to fight. A woman who takes everyone as they are, if you're nice, she likes you, regardless of creed or colour.

At one point she was living in a predominantly Jewish neighbourhood. Someone had painted "You goddamn Jew" all over her house and driveway. A Jewish neighbour hired a private detective to find out who'd done it and the trail led to a teenager in the neighbourhood. Jim went to visit the teenager's father, who was appalled and forced his son to clean off the paint.

"I went through a lot," Marge says of the war years. Sometimes their living conditions were a bit sparse because there wasn't

much money, especially after daughter Carolyn was born in August, 1942. Marge starts crying when she remembers the day she went grocery shopping and her money – all that she had for a week – fell out of her pocket without her noticing.

"They don't know what we went through," she says of today's generation.

Jim was sent overseas in February, 1945, landing in Wales for what was described as a refresher course. Since it involved learning about an entirely different plane, it was more like starting all over. He'd just done that when Germany surrendered in May of 1945. He signed up for the war in the Pacific but three months later the Americans dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, ending the war.

But a six-year war does not end overnight. Jim stayed in Europe for almost a year, switching to transport command. Often the flights were to the Middle East and India to repatriate soldiers or to transport prisoners of war. The last entry in his log book was January 2, 1946.

Life was to begin anew for the Del Greco family. Jim had to get to know a daughter he'd not spent much time with and then there was the arrival of son Jimmy in 1947.

He carefully weighed his options. He could have joined de Havilland aircraft or become an inspector with the city of North York. His father offered him a position and then there was the option of setting off on his own. The Canadian government was offering to either fund soldiers' education or start their own business. He chose the latter and James Del Greco Contracting was created. He bought an old army truck which he'd use to make cold calls to find work. Finding supplies for those jobs proved a lot more difficult after the war but he survived and then thrived.

"I liked being outdoors and I could make more money that way," he says. "I didn't like people on my back."

"You had aged at 28," his wife says "You were educated in the world. He could turn his hand at anything."

She was at her happiest in those years. Photos show a very attractively dressed young woman, confident of herself and her style. He was smiling too. "We'd party after dinner," he says, to which his wife

adds, "He'd play mouth organ," before he picks up the story again. "I was a bugger for mimicking and getting the kids laughing."

Jim preferred vacations at a rental cabin on Lake Couchiching where he could fish but to compensate, he'd take his wife to shopping trips in New York. She loved New York.

"I married him and he was going to take care of me for the rest of my life," she says, before clarifying, "I had my say, mind you."

"We didn't just 'stick together' [as a couple]," he says. "Our marriage wasn't stressful. Mother looked after the home, I looked after the money coming into the home. We love each other very much. We have disagreements but we solve them. You forget whatever is said and go on. It's history now."

Marge wags a finger at her husband. "I've got to fight with this man because at 91 he wants to climb this roof."

That's when she tells you the story about the spectacular accident that ended his boat racing career in 1972, a year after he was national high points champion with the Canadian Boating Federation. He had to live and sleep in a chair for three months, unable to move without pain. "I told him it's either me or racing," she says. He retired, regretfully, from the sport.

One weekend in the spring of 1954, Jim and Peter went to the Sportsmen's Show in Toronto. There was a real estate booth extolling the virtues of a lake in this distant place called Haliburton. It showed aerial photos of a heavily forested shore. Jim bought one of the lots, sight unseen. "I put 50 bucks down as a deposit."

Now he had to go home and explain it to his wife. He laughs at the memory. "Mom was a little upset."

When the snow melted, they made a trip to Haliburton Lake to take their first look at their new vacation spot. "Oh, it was one hell of a long drive," he says. "Outside of going to North Bay, we'd only been as far north as Orillia."

The bush was so thick you couldn't see the lake from the road. They were told they could choose the type of cottage but they left that up to the contractor. The shell was up by May. Jim says, "I brought two truckloads up here and my men. We cut the trees down and started working. Oh, the mosquitoes. In one day we put the septic in and a three-piece bathroom. Bert Curry brought me in soil because there was nothing but swamp in the front yard. There They got



The whole family, including young Jimmy, pitched in to create the cottage retreat.

many of their supplies from Russell Dart's store in Fort Irwin. Jim loved dealing with him because they were two men cut from the same cloth. "You could rely on anything he said," he says, adding, "Clarence Howe, too. You couldn't get a better man for honesty."

Marge might not have been an instant convert to cottage life but she soon became an enthusiastic one, especially since it meant she and the children could spend summers at the lake. It was idyllic. The boys loved it even more when their father built them small racing boats of their own.

Jim was a meticulous craftsman with exacting standards. When he takes you for a tour of the house, including a couple of additions, it's with justified pride that he points out examples of his workmanship. "I always told my men, 'It takes no more time to do it right than to do it right.'"

It just seemed right to retire here. They've really enjoyed living here year-round, and they say they'll stay here until the day they die. They can no longer imagine being anywhere else. It saddens them that Marge is practically housebound, which isn't easy for such a gregarious person, but it's just one more thing that they've learned it's better to cope with rather than try to fight.

"I'm grateful I have such a wonderful man," she says. "I bet there's not another man who looks after his wife the way he treats me. In one way I feel bad because I can't help him but I thank him for everything he does for me, every time."

"Hey, why shouldn't you be nice if you're satisfied," he says. "I'd hope she'd do it for me and I don't think I'd even have to hope."

"We've lived a good life. I lived a life, what else can you say? It's up to you to make life, it's not up to someone else."

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Union says wage offer is below municipal levels

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believe there's got to be some flexibility."

Mulholland says the union does not want any disruption in services and has not voted to go on strike. The workers are concerned that the county might lock them out.

"We realize the employer holds all the cards," Mulholland says. He says that workers have been without a contract since December 31, 2007. Workers continued to provide services because they believed they'd have a fair agreement down the road, he says. "This isn't what we expected."

Usually labour relations between the union and the county are good, Mulholland says. If the county decides to lock them out, something that has not happened for almost 30 years, "that tarnishes the relationship."

The union has several issues with the county's proposal.

"If our guys accept this offer our equipment operators will be the lowest paid in the county. They'll be lower than the municipalities [and yet the county roads operators] are the only winter operators that work shifts. If it snows on Saturday, we respond."

County roads operators have a night shift and municipalities don't. Municipalities also don't plow on weekends while the county department does.

"Algonquin Highlands is not unionized and they're making considerably more

money than we are. It's very close with the other municipalities but our equipment operators say [the county] is not recognizing the difference in work that we provide," including unpaid standby on weekends. The roads workers feel they are not being recognized for "their dedication and commitment."

The county says that its offer represents a \$2.59 per hour increase over the lifespan of the four-year contract. Mulholland says that percentage increases are relative. The increase is over a low base rate compared to municipal wages, he says.

Those wage comparisons mean a lot when you're trying to attract and retain new workers, Mulholland says.

"We have a great young, talented staff and we don't want to see them leave but they must be respected for the services they provide," he says. Last year a young county truck operator won the provincial roadie. He's left and wages were one of his considerations.

Mulholland says, "It's been a good place to work and I've been happy making a career here but it's a young and talented staff and it's important to keep them."

In a press release, the county says its salary increase is "very competitive with what was negotiated earlier this year with the municipalities of Highlands East, Dysart et al and Minden Hills. The county believes that they have offered a fair and reasonable deal to the employees represented by CUPE Local 1960."

The union also disagrees with the coun-

ty's stipulation that the hours of work change for the engineering department. The engineers, like the roads operators, work an extended four-day work week in the summer. (Forty hours over four days.) The county wants the engineering department to work from eight in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon five days a week.

The county press release says the change is to allow the roads department "to respond better to inquiries by the public during working hours."

Mulholland says, "Their argument is that it's for operational improvements within the department. It's a hard one for us to get our heads wrapped around. Even if we were working Fridays we might be out in the field doing engineering responsibilities, maybe surveying or data collection."

The extended four-day week was introduced several years ago, partly as a safety measure. Given the traffic flow into the county at the start of the weekend, "it made sense not to be on the roads on a Friday."

The county wants to create a new tourism facilitator position. The new person would work 40 hours a week throughout the summer and 30 hours a week throughout the winter. The other tourism position is for 35 hours a week throughout the year, which is the union's preference.

Mulholland says that if the unbalanced work week was accepted, "it opens the door to other departments. What's stopping them from making outside operators work 50 hours in the winter and 30 in the summer?"

There are changes in the benefit plan but those changes are not as contentious. The county wants to take away semi-pri-

vate hospital coverage and pay for dental visits once every nine months instead of once every six months. The county wants to place a \$10 cap on prescription dispensing fees.

Mulholland says, "The employer is adding life insurance coverage, so that's a positive, and creating an employee assistance plan for counselling services, and that's a plus, plus an increase in vision care."

The union has agreed to the county's request to remove the IT co-ordinator from the bargaining unit.

If the county were to lock out members of CUPE Local 1960 it would affect the GIS and planning department, 911 department, roads department, engineering services, accounting and reception and the IT co-ordinator.

Many of the large roads projects, such as the repaving of a section of County Road 21, would not be affected because they have been contracted out. Most of the road work that would be disrupted is for such things as brushing and clearing.

At a special meeting on May 14, county council unanimously voted in support of its negotiating team, and the final offer that was presented to the union.

In a press release, county CAO Jim Wilson says, "The county's wage proposal is in keeping with other municipalities', is above the current rate of inflation and is a fair one considering today's economic climate in Haliburton County. We are very disappointed that an agreement could not be reached. While we are still hopeful that our employees will seriously reconsider this final offer, the county will be preparing our contingency plan to deal with any disruption of county services after May 23."

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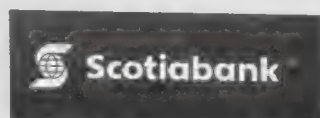
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Nurses celebrate special week in new office

SUNITA KARIR

Staff Reporter

Family Health Team nurses had two things to smile about during the second week of May. Their new offices in Haliburton Medical Centre were completed just in time to celebrate national nursing week.

Nursing week recognizes the achievements of nurses around the country, and also to thank them for all their hard work they do to help others. On May 16, the Family Health Team opened their doors to nurses from different health care facilities around Haliburton County. They also participated in an event the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario has been running for the past seven years called 'Take your MPP/MP to work'.

The event educates politicians about what it really means to be a nurse, and how nurses affect countless lives of people in Ontario. Local MPP Laurie Scott participated in the event. Scott already has a great understanding about what it means to be a nurse, since she is registered as a nurse, and used to practise in Lindsay.

Nurses had the chance to mingle and

munch on some snacks at the new state-of-the-art medical facility that the Family Health Team now calls home. Beth Archibald, the executive director for the team, wanted to help nurses to feel appreciated during their week of special recognition, and also give people a chance to tour their new facility.

"There are about 180 nurses in Haliburton County," said Archibald. "I would venture to say that almost all individuals living in the county have encountered a nurse at one point, and certainly many of our visitors."

Archibald highlighted some of the things that nurses do for people, including providing care from pre-birth to end of life. She said that nurses get overlooked a lot of the time because they are "part of the woodwork in healthcare settings, but they really can make all the difference in an individual's experience."

Two nurse practitioners were hired last year to be part of the Family Health Team. Kathy McLoughlin and Debra Hare-Colpitts have a higher level of education than registered nurses, and provide primary care to many individuals.

Each of the practitioners has around 300



SUNITA KARIR/ECHO

MPP Laurie Scott chats it up with County Warden Eleanor Harrison and Foster Loucks of Central Ontario LHIN during the opening of the new office at the Haliburton Medical Centre, while celebrating Nurses' Week.

patients. The eventual goal is to look after 800 patients each, and their numbers are continually growing as more and more people find out about nurse practitioners.

After everyone had explored the new facility, there was a small gathering in the waiting room and Scott said a few words to thank the nurses of Haliburton County. She talked about her own background in nursing and how she will always be a nurse. There are still times when she will be at an event and have her nurse instincts kick in when she sees someone in distress.

"It's a very caring profession just like any healthcare job; you're trying to make people's lives better," said Scott. "I just want to congratulate all the nurses during nurses' week and congratulate them for all the work that they do."

In rural areas such as Haliburton, nurses have a whole new set of challenges to

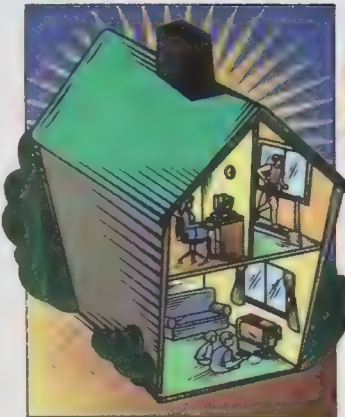
contend with. The Family Health Team is trying to make the same quality and level of services available to residents as there is in larger cities.

"People that live up here, this is where they chose to live, and they don't want to move away from here to get healthcare," said Scott. "We try to provide as much as we can for them."

A number of nurses came out for the event, as well as other members of the Family Health team. Foster Loucks, the former CEO of HHHS, was also in attendance.

Although nursing week officially ended on May 18, nurses continue to work hard throughout the year. Both Archibald and Scott hope that people will continue to recognize nurses' efforts in the county, and thank them for all that they do for the community each day they go in to work.

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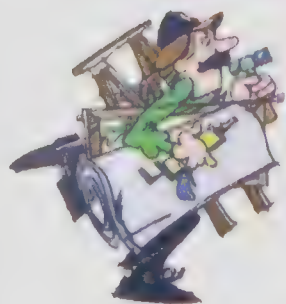


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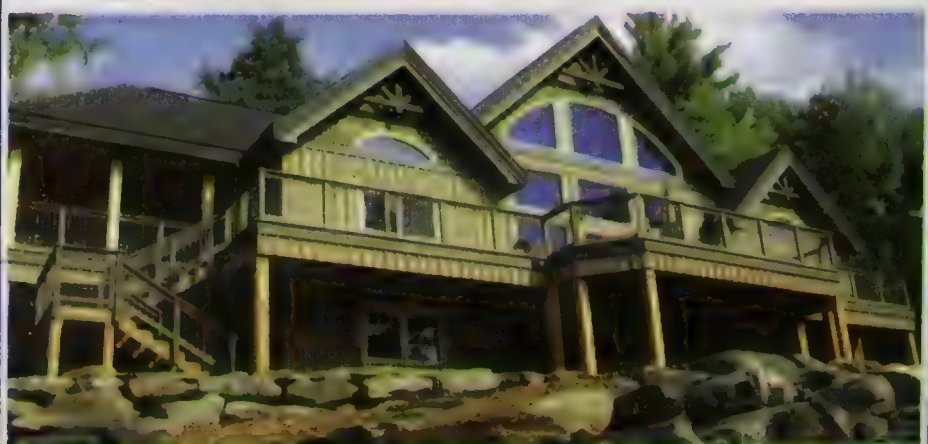
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Fire calls up compared with last year's

SUNITA KARIR

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the May 13 Highlands East council meeting.

Two new recruits have been accepted into the department: Chris Baughman for station 1 and John Doomernik for station 6.

"So you can see we're having a busy year," said Fire Chief Bill Wingrove. There have already been 80 calls in 2008 to date, compared to 59 calls for the same time period in 2007. In April alone there were 18 calls; last April there were nine calls.

Wingrove reiterated the importance of the fire department working alongside local police and EMS. "We are to be called whenever, regardless, when the ambulance is

going to be more than 20 minutes."

Green garbage bags still a problem

Council discussed the importance of enforcing clear garbage bags as many people continue to resist the rule. There will continue to be a push to use only clear garbage bags, and everyone will have to go through the gates and show their card.

Recently there has been after-hours dumping, which council wants to bring to an end. "Anyone caught in the dump after hours can and will be charged with trespassing," said Jim Mackie, deputy-reeve.

Tennis anyone?

The Wilberforce tennis courts are now open to the public for the season.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator was activated on May 13 at the Gooderham community centre. It will stay there in case of emergency.

Pandemic Influenza

There will be a public information session on an influenza pandemic at the Minden Community Centre on May 28, with the doors opening at 6:15 p.m. and the program beginning at 7. The admission is free and open to anyone wanting to attend.

Meeting

The next meeting is May 27 at 9 a.m. in the council chambers.

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Fish hatchery hard-pressed to find \$25,000 a year

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JR officials said the money was for "base funding" to "keep the lights on, water running, and fish fed." and while it's estimated there is enough money in reserves to keep the hatchery afloat for another year, HHOA Treasurer John Ball says that without the MNR's \$25,000 a year the hatchery will have trouble keeping its head above water after that.

"We really need that \$25,000. That's a lot of money," says Ball. "Where are you supposed to make that kind of money back? How on earth do we make up for that?" Ball says the HHOA already fundraises \$30,000 to \$40,000 every year - half of the hatchery's budget - so relying on the community for even more simply isn't an option. "Fundraising is a constant struggle," says Ball. "We have tremendous support here in Haliburton, but we can't be expected to suddenly raise \$25,000 more, on top of what we already do."

If the fish hatchery were to disappear tomorrow, Ball says the effect on local lakes would be devastating. Fishing would deteriorate in Haliburton, no ques-

tion," he says. "The Ministry has said they would raise fish elsewhere and continue to stock the lakes, but that would come at an even greater cost to them."

This year Ball says the hatchery raised between 40,000 to 50,000 walleye, 25,000 rainbow trout, and 5,000 lake trout. They also raised approximately 8,000 Haliburton gold trout, a unique strain found only in the Highlands.

By stocking area lakes, as well as those in the Bancroft area, Ball says the hatchery helps bring in tourists that benefit the county's economy.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey agrees that the work of the hatchery is invaluable when it comes to attracting tourism dollars. "Fishing is a lot bigger industry than people know about, and if we don't have good fishing then that's a big loss," he says.

"[The hatchery] has filled a void that no one else was prepared to do, so I'm just hopeful that the Ministry will come through and support them."

This year Fearrey said the county has pledged \$10,000 toward the ongoing operation of the hatchery, and they have also sent a letter to Minister Cansfield outlining the work that the hatchery has done and asking her to con-

tinue to support the HHOA's efforts. Calls to Cansfield's office by the Echo were not returned.

While there is still more than a month before the fund officially runs dry, Hodgson says his organization is already looking at contingency plans to help fill the void.

In the future, Hodgson says it's possible that the hatchery might have to start raising eggs for other areas in Ontario as a way to generate income. However, Hodgson also says that solution is far from ideal, since it would detract from the group's commitment to Haliburton County, which is why so many volunteer in the first place.

"Raising eggs is maybe the way we're going to have to do business, but we would need a full house to make it pay, and then there is a capacity problem," he says. "We still want to do things for our county too, and we need money to do them too."

"There's a great deal of community value to the hatchery, but I think that's sometimes hard to get across to people," he adds. "It's not just the act of raising fish. It's about the history behind it, the science, and, maybe most importantly, it's about a place for volunteers to go and be part of something special."

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Elva Bates finds a place for history

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Those who don't tell the stories of their past are bound to forget them.

Luckily for the people of Gooderham, Elva Bates has been doing a very good job of keeping those stories alive.

Not only has she written a local history book, *A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past*, but she's also collected artifacts

which are now proudly on display at the Gooderham Community Centre.

A small ceremony on a damp Sunday afternoon officially unveiled the new display cases. There you can see one of the jerseys from the famous Gooderham baseball team, as well as the trophies the team collected with their hitting prowess. There are also hockey trophies, business ledgers from early in the last century, and old photographs. The cases were built by Brian Horner.

To thank Bates for her "unfailing community spirit" the Gooderham Community Action Group also planted a white pine in her honour near the park where children play at the community centre.

"[The past] is where we all come from," Bates said at the ceremonies. "It shapes our lives. I think it's a mistake to forget your roots."

Bates has lived nearly all her life in Haliburton County. The dedication ceremony on May 18 took place 51 years and one day after she moved to Glamorgan. Her civic duty began as postmistress and secretary of the school board, but she is better remembered as the town's long-serving clerk-treasurer who turned her retirement into the start of her political career. She's a former reeve of Glamorgan and warden of Haliburton County.

"She's not good at sitting still," says Barbara Bader, who's taking over from Bates as chair of the action group. "She's what I would call a bulldog. This is a good thing. When she gets wind of something that needs done, she does not stop until the vision is complete. We need more bulldogs like Elva."

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said the efforts of the action group under Bates' leadership in preserving the area's past are "wonderful."

"I'm pretty proud of her," he said.

Even though she's retiring from the action group, Bates is not sitting still. She's writing a fictional history of Glamorgan, which she's tentatively titled *Early Days in Gooderham As They May Have Been*.

"I rewrote the first 32 chapters," she laughs. "My characters go off on a run. Sometimes I reel them back in and sometimes I let them go. It's my characters that rule the book."



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Three old business ledgers are now on display at the Gooderham community centre thanks to the generosity of descendants of business owners. Barbara Whelan, a descendant of Glamorgan's McColl and Maxwell founding families, donated the McColl's Store ledger from the early 1900s; she noted that her father still owes the store 99 cents. Eida Hunter, who was a McColl, donated the Hunter Lumber ledger that was started in 1904. Ron Barr, not in the photo, donated the 1929 ledger of Barr's Store. Organizing the display of local artifacts was Glamorgan historian Elva Bates.

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As Marilyn Wooder and Barbara Bader of Gooderham Community Action Group look on, Bates cuts the ribbon on a white pine that was planted in honour of her "unfailing community spirit" at the village's community centre.

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Legion Branch 624 gets new look, come check it out

MEL SMITH

Legion Branch 624

We are under renovations at Branch 624, we are getting a new look. This should be finished by the end of the month. So come on in and witness this change.

Horseshoes started May 18th, at \$5 per person, registration is at 12:30 p.m. and the game starts at 1 p.m. Cribbage is now

on going and the next Tournament is May 25th, registration at 12:30 p.m. and game starts at 1 p.m. This Cribbage Tournament will be on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at a cost of \$5 per person, for your entertainment.

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May 22: Open Euchre 1 p.m. Every Thursday afternoon except when the L.A. have there meeting the first Thursday of the month, then it is Wednesday after noon.

May 23: Open Pool, 1 p.m.

May 24: Meat Draw, 3 p.m.

For more information on the cribbage tournament call 448-2221 or Rick at 448-1773.

There are many great upcoming events; however just like the weather, the events scheduled may change and there may be even more things to add to these great things to do as the month progresses. Just remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to all your friends and enjoy Sport Events on the T.V.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday June 9th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-075/07
Applicant: Wayne & Marilyn MacKENZIE
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 18 & 19, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Harburn
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-076/07
Applicant: Wayne & Marilyn MacKENZIE
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 18 & 19, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Harburn
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition & Right-of-way
- File No. H-012/08 & 013/08
Applicant: Douglas JACKSON & Estate of June BARCLAY
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 23, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: 2 Lot Additions
- File No. H-014/08
Applicant: Ross & Ruth CASEY
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-016/08 & H-018/08
Applicant: Rhonda NOGUEIRA
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Nature of the Application: 2 Rights-of-way
- File No. H-017/08
Applicant: Victor & Maria FERNANDES
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
- File No. H-019/08
Applicant: Arthur J. OUELLETTE & Estate of Miriam OUELLETTE
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 32 & 33, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-020/08
Applicant: Arthur J. OUELLETTE & Estate of Miriam OUELLETTE
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 32 & 33, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 20th day of May, 2008.

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Election results are in

CARLA WATSON

Legion Branch 129

Here are the results of the election of officers on May 8: president, Carla Watson; past president, Ed Pickard; 1st vice, Jack Greavette; 2nd vice, Wilf Guenette; 3rd vice, Barry Purpura. Executive members: Paul Sisson, Bill Timms, Linda Weir, Calum Wood, Jean Fletcher and Pat Wright. Our secretary is Carol Stamp. Sgt. at arms is Brian Hambly and our treasurer is Tiia Billings. Congratulations to all.

A cheque for \$800 was presented to Phyllis Woodcock by the President Ed Pickard for the cancer society.

I am not sure if everyone is aware of the cost of having our dumpster emptied here

at the branch. We are not the only ones having trouble with people who do not want to take the time to go to the dump, but instead just use the dumpsters in town. These people are dumping things in them that should not be in a dumpster at all.

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The annual track and field will be held at the high school on Saturday, May 31. Our colour party will be there along with our hotdog stand. Also the Special Olympics will be held on Tuesday, June. Good luck to all the participants, and lets hope for good weather.



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Description of Land(s):

Roll No. 46 24 010 000 09300 0000, PIN 39171-0213(LT) Part Lot 6, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Dysart, In the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19), Being the Lands in Instrument No. 170191. File 05-01

Minimum Tender Amount: \$32,410.82

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 21600 0000, 1036 Snowshoe Rd., Lot 61, Plan 482, Geographic Township of Dudley, In the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19), Subject to Easement and Restriction in Instrument No. 72126. File 06-08

Minimum Tender Amount: \$9,680.96

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

Note: G.S.T. may be payable by successful purchaser.

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Visit to Congo's orphanage brings a \$45,000 cheque

ELEANOR COOPER

West Guilford news

Guests of John and Thea Patterson's were served a delicious supper on May 16 in their home, a prelude to a most interesting and informative presentation on their trip to the Congo in March in the company of 13 co-travellers. Their purpose was to present an orphanage with the \$45,000 raised by the Lindsay Presbytry of the United Church.

The North Abbey drummers, led by Barry Hayward, welcomed us into the gathering of about 40. Observation of the talk and slides gave us an idea of not just how desperate is the plight of families in the Democratic Republic of Congo but also an appreciation of how fortunate we are to live where we do. Issues of labour conditions, human conditions and medical situations were raised, to name a few. Despite the lack of housing as we know it, lack of sanitation and of safety, the visitors from Canada were impressed with the sense of joy and hospitality showered upon them.

Coming back to West Guilford: the Dan-

newalds have returned from a winter vacation in Texas.

Angela (Sisson) Bill and Marlene Maxwell busied themselves on Saturday with the re-construction of the cookhouse at Stanhope airport. Food will be served from a new facility made to their specifications and needs.

Terry Upton's parents, Stan and Phyllis Watt, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 17 at the community centre, with their family and friends present, and Chris and Bob and their families. Slides of their 50 years together were viewed and entertainment provided in jam sessions by friend's bands. We all wish them the very best as we add our own congratulations.

It's rhubarb time again, people. Please come and avail yourselves of the abundant supply of it in our garden, so much more than we can manage to use.

Ed and Ginny Muenzel joined the Maple Lake United Church on Sunday, May 18 and were heartily welcomed by the members of the congregation and the Rev. Max Ward.

Death Notice

SHAYER, Walter Edmond - (WWII Veteran, United Empire Loyalists) Passed away suddenly as a result of an accident on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, in his 83rd year. Dearly beloved husband of the late Frances Myers (2006). Beloved father of Thora Fideau, Dannyboy Shaver, and Terry Anthony Shaver. Loving grandfather of many grand-

children and great grandchildren. Private family arrangements. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.

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- May 21: Minden Community Forum - Eighth in a series of Forums. Minden Community Events Planning from Bob Smith, Amy Brohm, Rick Cox, Daniela Pagliano, and Sheryl Loucks. Held at the Minden United Church (21 Newcastle St.) at 7:30pm. Call Don at 286-1305 for more info.
- May 22: Ayurvedic Cooking Class - Join Jocelyn Smith and Allie Chisholm Smith at The Dorset Recreation Centre from 7-9pm. Spend the evening for a night of delicious, cleansing, nutritious Ayurvedic food. Please call for more information and to register call Allie or Jocelyn at 766-9968 or email HYPERLINKmailto:drc@algonquinhighlands.ca
- May 22: HKPRD Board of Health Meeting moves east to the Health Unit's Brighton office (35 Alice St.) Meeting starts at 10 am. Members of the media are welcome to attend.
- May 22: Kindergarten Visit Day - From 9am to 2:30pm at Haliburton OEYC. Receive essential school readiness tips, participate in school bus safety, take a trip to Stuart Baker Elementary School and visit the kindergarten classrooms. Please register at the Haliburton OEYC or by phoning 457-2989.
- May 23: The SMART exercise program for seniors, \$2 per session. 10:30 am, Echo Hills Apartment in Haliburton and 1 pm at Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden.
- May 23: Fay Wilkinson - R.D. Lawrence Place, Minden - 7 pm. Fay will be leading a talk on "The Mask in Theatre & Literature. Admission by donation.
- May 24: Annual Plant Sale - 10am sharp. At the Village Green in Minden. All plants grown by society members.
- May 24: Closing reception for Cash Cups, a multi-media art exhibit of bras to raise money for Cottage Dreams. TV host Carson Arthur of Green Force will be the auctioneer. It's also your last change to bid on silent auction items, 7pm viewing, The Art Hive, Hwy 118 Maple Lake.
- May 24: Plant Sale - Village Green, Minden. Minden and District Horticultural Society.
- May 29: VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m.. Located at Stanworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- May 30: The SMART exercise program for seniors, \$2 per session. 10:30 am, Echo Hills Apartment in Haliburton and 1 pm at Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden.
- May 31: Flower Arrangement Workshop - miniatures and Pot et fleur - 10 am to 3 pm. At the Lions Hall in Minden at a cost of \$30.00 each. Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee, and dessert will be supplied. For more info call Jessie 286-4141 or Nancy at 286-2886.
- June 1: Spring Fling Fashion Show - at the Haliburton Legion, featuring fashions by Country Pickins. Door prize, draws and refreshments. All proceeds used for needed equipment for the Haliburton Hospital Site. To order tickets please call 457-3030.
- June 2-6: The Workplace Commuter Challenge, Bike or walk part or all the way to work and be eligible for prizes! Contact Sue at the Health Unit 457-1391 for more information.
- June 3: Minden & District Horticultural Society's, 7.30pm, Guest speaker Peggy Immel, Author of "I'd Rather Be Gardening". Speaking on "Environmentally Friendly Gardening" MINDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE. Treats of the month "Rhubarb Rhapsody". Memberships will be available at the door \$9.00 single and \$16.00 per couple. For more information call Jessie 286 4141 or Nancy 286 2886. All welcome.
- June 4: Kinmount Community Planting Day - 705-488-2635
- June 4: Learn to Geocache - Meet in Head Lake Park, Haliburton, by the fountain, 7 - 8:30 pm (max. 10 families) Register with HKPRD Health Unit, 457-1391. Geocaching is a great way for people of all ages to get out and explore by foot and by bike! Join Thom Lambert and learn the basics, including how to find caches online, use a GPS, and go seeking caches. Bring a GPS if you have one; some will be available to borrow.
- June 6: The SMART exercise program for seniors, \$2 per session. 10:30 am, Echo Hills Apartment in Haliburton and 1 pm at Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden.
- June 7: Minden Rotary Auction, Minden Community Centre starting at 5:30pm. Silent, County, Live and Looney Auctions, Dinner and a fun evening to help Minden Rotary support all of their community efforts. \$20.00 per person. Call Johanna Penfold for tickets 286-2856 or available at the Minden Times office, 2 IGA Rd., Minden.
- June 7, 14, 21, 28: Kinmount Farmer's Market - Open from May 17 - October 11, every Saturday from 9am to 2 pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Our regular vendors feature organic and locally grown produce, meats, honey, and more. We have something for everyone. Call 488-2612 for more info.
- June 10: Stretching for Cyclists - Heritage Ballet - 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Register with Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121 (maximum 10 people). This workshop is for those riders who want some simple stretches that they can do before and after a bike ride to stretch tight muscles in the legs, neck, shoulders and wrists. No experience is necessary.
- June 11: Four Fresh Paths to Caring - Community Care Drop In Centre. Explore life as a series of paths in, out of and about caring relationships. This colourful, fun and interactive event renews our connection with the power of caring, presented by Carol Kilby of the GAIA Centre.
- June 12: Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Families with children 0 - 6 yrs Join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! Phone 286-1770 for more info or leave a message at 457-2989.
- June 12: Thursday 2 p.m. Join us, the Haliburton Stroke Support Group, in the Fireplace Lounge at Hyland Crest in Minden to meet author Peter Frost to hear his story, "Stroke, A Long, Challenging Journey- a True Story, as he reads excerpts from his book. He will share his struggle for rehabilitation from his first stroke suffered at age 49. Refreshments will be served.

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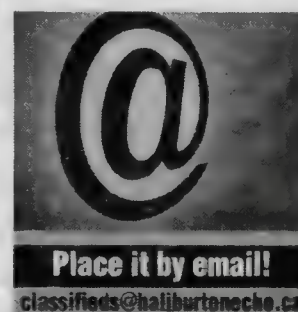


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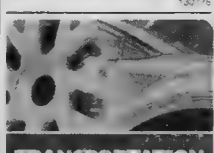
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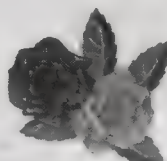
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I love you dearly,
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Birthday greetings

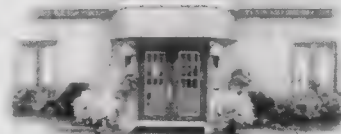
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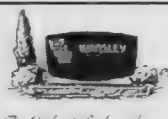


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Rev. Harry Morgan and Melissa Stephens made the service come alive. We could feel the love and support. Thanks to the friends who told stories about Kelly's life before he came to Haliburton to retire and his life here.

Dwaine Lloyd and Staff at the Community Funeral Home were very helpful and caring. Thanks for the picture show also.

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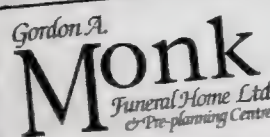
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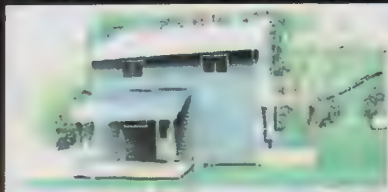
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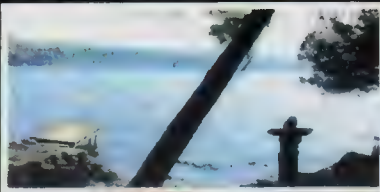
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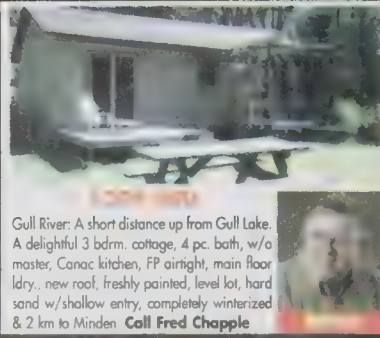
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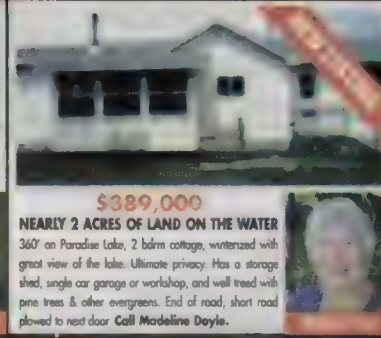
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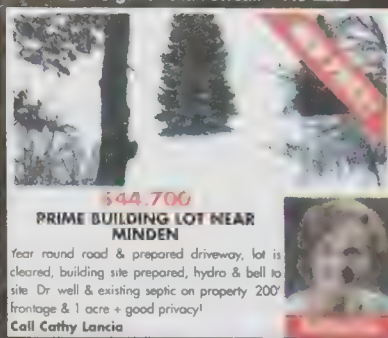
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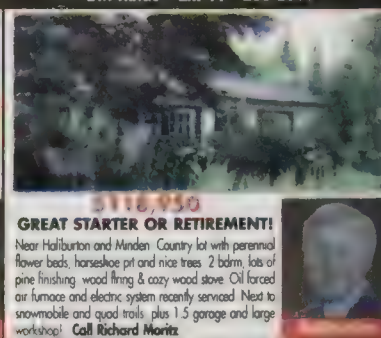
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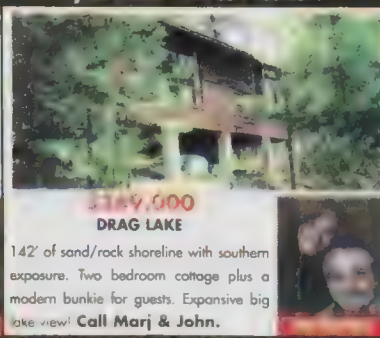
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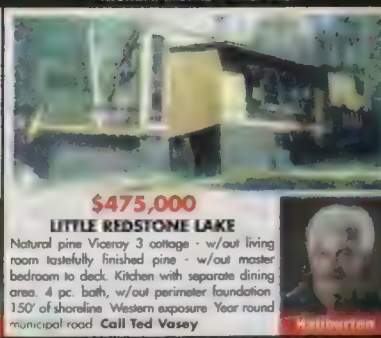
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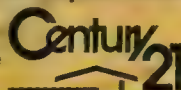
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Horses can swim?

Column by Sunita Karir • Photos by Martha Perkins

As the 2008 summer reporter for the *Echo* and the *Times* I couldn't be more excited to work in a community I've known and loved for years. Since I was seven years old I've spent as much time as possible at our cottage on Horseshoe Lake. When I was younger we used to pack our bags and leave right after the last school bell rang, and not return to Toronto until Labour Day.

I started riding horses at a very young age, and in the summer of 1999 we went all out and bought a couple horses of our own. Since then I have been very involved with the Haliburton County Horseman's Association, and have competed a number of times in both the Haliburton County and Kinmount fairs. When I'm not writing I spend the majority of my time with my horse in Gelert.

For the past three summers I worked at Tim Horton's in Minden, and would often be the voice on the other end of the speaker at the drive thru. I became much more familiar with the town and met a lot of great people; both co-workers and customers.

During the school year I live in Etobicoke, where I just finished my third year as a Media Studies and Journalism student at the University of Guelph-Humber. I love the program and work on campus as a Resident Assistant. I'm returning to school in September for my final year. This summer I get to work on my journalism in my favourite place to be, the Haliburton Highlands.

If you ever see me at an event or just around town please come say hello, I'd love to continue getting familiar with the community. Also, if you have any story ideas or just general comments for me I can be reached at skarir@haliburtonecho.ca.

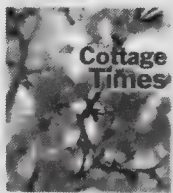


Sunita takes Aries for a swim to cool off on a hot day.



Although this is the first summer that Sunita Karir is working at the Haliburton *Echo* and the Minden *Times*, she has spent many summers in the Highlands enjoying time with her horse, Aries, who loves to go for a swim near his stable in Gelert.

The Cottage Times



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This colourful Kensington-inspired marketplace will be held every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout July and August, at the crossroads in the historic settlement of Tory Hill. Organizers are looking for anyone who would like to be a vendor; if you make, bake, grow, create, write, or perform something, then this is the place for you!

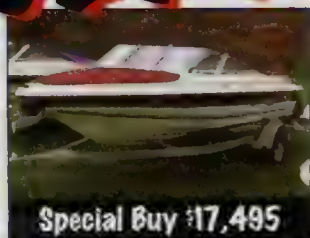
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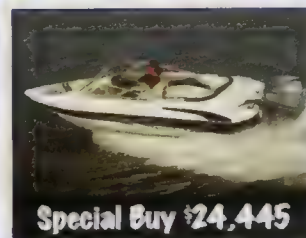
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Seduction: Haliburton Style

By Jerelyn Craden • Photo by Greg Hoekstra

If anyone had asked me before moving to Haliburton how seduction differs here from seduction in the city, I would have answered: It does? After all, why should location make any difference? Well, until you have lived in the city (and been seduced there) and then lived in Haliburton (and been seduced here) it could easily be difficult to understand and appreciate the difference.

So, with the intention of bringing to light the ins and outs of this almost never asked, seemingly unimportant, but burning question, let's take a look at what turns women

on three hours north of The Big Smoke and how one simple action taken by a Haliburton man can entice a Haliburton Honey.

First, to clearly differentiate Urban Man from Haliburton Man, let's take a look at them in the dead of winter — for unlike our present magnificent Haliburton summer it's during the more challenging months that their differences become more apparent as well as the opportunities for Haliburton Man to out-seduce his Urban brother.

Urban Man.

Urban Man wakes up in the warmth of his overly

heated apartment, yawns, scratches, and proceeds, half awake, to the kitchen where he fills the imported Italian coffee maker with his favourite specialty ground beans. Stumbling over at least two pair of argyle socks which he has as yet to relinquish to a corner of his closet called laundry, he makes his way to the fully equipped bathroom where he grabs a tube of toothpaste and a tooth brush, turns on the shower, climbs in and begins his morning oral and body scrub. Fast, easy, he doesn't even have to think about it. In fact, if he fumbles, he just needs to bend down and pick up the toothpaste cap he's dropped so it doesn't get lodged between his toe and the rubber ducky.

Haliburton Man.

Haliburton Man wakes up in the frosty air of his wood-stove heated cabin, shouts: Damn it's cold in here!, shivers his way out of bed, falls over his blue jeans and wool lined duck boots as he grabs a plaid shirt. Vapor rings stream from his nostrils as he grabs two logs from beside the wood stove, throws them onto the iron grate and sets them ablaze. Then, he races to the kitchen and pushes the button on his Tim Horton's coffee maker, tosses in Tim's Fine Grind, and is about to jump into the shower when he remembers that his septic tank is on the fritz and the tub floor looks like the inside of his toilet bowl.

Back to Urban Man.

He casually walks into his closet and chooses one of several suits that is still covered in plastic from his neighborhood cleaners — discounted 50% in a head-on competition for his business with three other cleaning establishments in the area. He chooses the camel hair wool slacks and cashmere sweater as he flicks on his flat screen television to check on the status of his stocks.

One text message later to his stock-broker-cousin, Larry, and his portfolio is safe. He casually savors his java and croissant, grabs his hand-tooled briefcase, puts on his combed suede loafers, grabs his mohair overcoat and as he rides the elevator down to the heated underground garage with recyclables in one hand, (which he will toss into a conveniently located bin), and cell phone in the other, he calls his Urban Honey and invites her to lunch. Busy until the weekend, she agrees to see him on

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Haliburton Man wins

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Saturday after a myriad of errands, yoga, the hairdressers, her tailor, and her three best girlfriends' "sharing" session.

Back to Haliburton Man.

He boils two huge pots of water and lugs them to the bathroom in an attempt to clean the tub so he can take a shower without getting diphtheria. Watching the color brown turn to green, yellow then clear he can now smell the aroma wafting from the kitchen – coffee that Tim H. has so kindly perked just for him. Now, java in hand, he chugs it back and waits as the shower water climbs from below frigging cold to "that's a bit better" and five minutes later – to HOT.

He climbs in embracing the heat. Then, drying himself with a towel that has needed to visit the Haliburton village laundromat for two weeks, he eyeballs which of his wash and wear pants and shirts he will wear today. He grabs the blue corduroy shirt and khaki pants, and is soon on his deck shovelling a path down the wooden stairs to his 4 x 4 which is frozen beneath a foot and a half of ice and snow.

He's going to be late to work along with most people in the Highlands this morning who have to dig their way out of God's little joke. But he does it gladly. Haliburton Man loves feeling alive and shovelling is right up there with curling and hockey. He doesn't think about calling his Honey because he's planning on calling her later with something he knows works every time.

Haliburton Gal.

Choosing to live among the pristine lakes of Haliburton, covered in winter with ice, snowmobiles and fishing huts; rolling hills, lush with snow; and sky-licking pines, does not necessarily mean Haliburton Gal embraces the hard edges of a long rural winter. In fact, after endless blustery days she often finds herself dreaming of the amenities of the city – especially when she has to take her garbage to the dump.

Now, wanting to leave as small an ecological footprint as possible on the planet is one thing – but, having to deal with the on-duty Garbage Guards at the municipal dump is another. Sure they're hard-working men committed to insuring that all Haliburton residents observe the strict rules of separating garbage and recyclables into half a dozen receptacles, but while you're standing on an unsheltered hill in a 60 mile per hour gale with freezing nostrils and toes that have been numb for 30 minutes?

"No!" they shout. "Take it out of those plastic bags where we can see it!"

Meanwhile, three hours south, Urban Gal walks her garbage and recyclables curbside for pickup or drops it into bins in a heated underground garage.

Haliburton Man's Aphrodisiac.

So, what's the most seductive thing Haliburton Man can do to woo his Honey? Buy her jewelry, candy, or the latest multi-gadget ipod? No. He simply calls her up and says:

"I'm going to the Dump. I'll come by and be your garbage guy today. Just put it all on the front porch and I'll get rid of it for you."

Haliburton Gal is smitten. No garbage guards to deal with. No freezing eyelids while separating plastics from glass. Her hero – Haliburton Man – has saved her from a dreaded day at the dump!

Here in Haliburton...

Earth and man meet pines, deer, birds and other critters of the woods and streams. Ice fishing, wood chopping in the winter and mending home and hearth in the Spring, Summer, and Fall are not only essential to survival, they're also downright sexy. Put Haliburton Man in the city away from the village where everybody knows his name, and his country panache will most likely pale beside Urban Man's finely tuned GQ flare. But, here on home ground, to a Haliburton Gal – his earthy dump foreplay reigns supreme.

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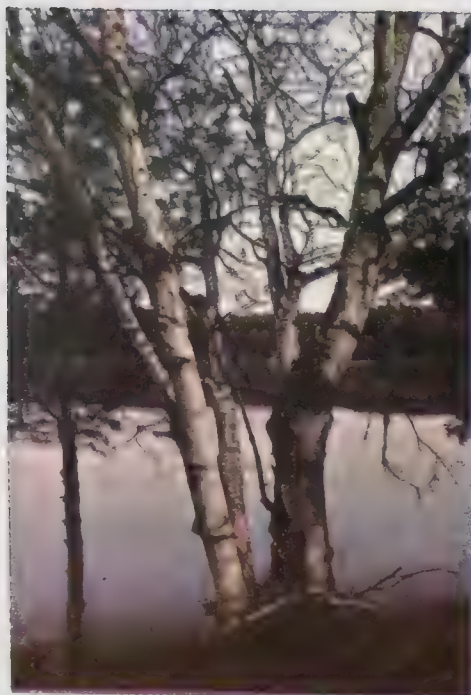




Expressions of Jack Bush

Every day Jack Bush, who lives on County Road 1 near Donald, posts a new picture on his website. "There are two parts to what I do – I take a photograph and then I make a picture. I get as much pleasure from seeing what I can do with it on my computer as I do taking the photograph."

*You can see a photo a day at
<http://jackbush.my-expressions.com>*



Stars shine over Soyers Lake

From the Soyers Lake ratepayers' association newsletter



Kate Campbell is quickly working her way toward stardom. Campbell, who had roles in the Highland Summer Festival's productions of *The Sound of Music* and *Salt Water Moon*, is currently living in Los Angeles and meeting with agents and casting directors. She is also working on a script loosely based on her grandmother, Betty Greply, who cottaged on Soyers Lake for years before her passing in 2003.

Who would have known that Soyers Lake is not only a beautiful place but it has raised some of its young citizens to be stars of the stage and screen?

Chris Ratz, son of Jim and Diane, has recently appeared in the CBC Sunday movie *The Englishman's Boy*. Another star is Kate Campbell who grew up on Soyers Lake. She is the daughter of Lorne and Lynda Campbell, and the granddaughter of Helen and the late Don Campbell, and the late Betty Greply, all of whom shared of a love of Soyers Lake.

As a child Kate excelled in a myriad of physical activities, winning awards in figure skating, basketball, and track and field. As well, Kate developed a keen interest and love of music, winning several gold medal vocal awards at the annual Haliburton Music Festival.

In high school, where Kate was torn between her love of athletics and the performing arts, the Ontario 300 metre hurdling champion starred in several high school

productions, including the role of Dianna in *Annie of Green Gables*, Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Sandy in *Grease*.

Kate went on to appear in the role of Mary Snow in the touching production of *Salt Water Moon* as part of the Highland Summer Festival's inaugural season. In 2004 Kate was most delighted to return to the Festival Theatre's stage in the title role of Maria in the *Sound of Music*.

Kate is a graduate of Sheridan College's Music Theatre Program, appearing twice in their Catch a Rising Star Productions as well as the lead role of Ivy Smith in *On the Town*. While residing in Toronto, Kate filmed 14 commercials. Kate appeared in three independent films including the acclaimed *Tragic Story of Nling* which appeared at the Sundance Film Festival, *Moments of Silence* and *Echo*, another critically acclaimed short film

which was presented at the Calgary Film Festival.

As well Kate has produced and starred in a successful Toronto run of the Neil Lebut play, *The Shape of Things*.

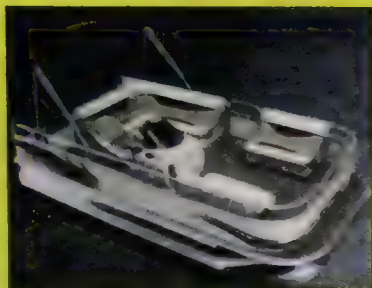
Kate's now residing, for a few months, in Los Angeles - getting established, meeting with casting directors and potential agents and working on getting a 'green card', a complicated process these days. Kate is also working on a script based very loosely on her grandmother, Betty Greply a Soyers Lake cottager for years before her passing, in 2003. Betty was a recreational pilot and a member of the Ontario Chapter the 99's Womans Flying Organization. The setting will be moved from the '50s to '40s during the Second World War. If Kate can get the backing she would love to film part of the scenes in Haliburton.

To have a virtual visit with Kate, visit her on www.katecampbellactress.com.

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The Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition and Health for Life invite your workplace to "Walk and Roll" this June!!

Sign up for Haliburton County's first Commuter Challenge, June 2 - 6.

What it is...

- Get as many people at your workplace to commute actively (walking, cycling, in-line skating etc) some or all of the way to and from work during this week
- People can participate one or more days, or everyday
- Keep track of progress to be eligible for great prizes!

Why participate...

- It's healthy! Walking or cycling even partway to work is a great way to get your recommended 30 minutes of daily physical activity
- It's good for the environment! Reducing car trips reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- It saves money! Think of the money you won't spend on gas because you are walking or cycling
- It's good for business! Active employees are less stressed and more productive
- It's fun! Getting a bit of physical activity is a great way to start and end the day

How to participate...

- You'll need a "champion" at your workplace to co-ordinate...to be the "roll" model!

The champion will...

- register your workplace - see contact info below
- recruit participants - get people enthused and excited about participating!
- share information
- gather tracking forms at the end of the week
- submit final results

Once your workplace has been registered, the champion will receive a package that will include: poster, tracking form, detailed information about the challenge, tips for active commuting to share, and incentive items.

Participants keep track of the distance they walk, cycle



Sue Shikaze often bicycles from her home near Donald to her job at the Haliburton health unit, where she works as a health promoter. The health unit is teaming up with the Haliburton Cycling Coalition to issue a work-place commuter challenge. You can win prizes if your workplace has the most active commuters.

or actively commute to/from work during the week of June 2 to 6; active travel during the workday counts too (such as walking to a meeting instead of driving).

If people live far from work, encourage them to park and walk or bike partway. Other creative ideas for active commuting in rural areas will be included in the registration package.

If your workplace isn't participating, you can still sign

up as an individual, track your progress and submit your results.

To register yourself or your workplace, contact: Sue Shikaze, 457-1392 x249, sshikaze@haliburton.hkpr.on.ca.

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We all love our lakes. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations has come up with a new toolkit to help lake associations develop their own lake plan. Lake Plans give voice to all the reasons why, like this young woman on Lake Kashagawigamog, our lakes are important to us and why we should work together to protect them.

A handy lake planning tool

Column by Matt James • File photo by Darren Lum

Lake associations that want to plan for the future now have access to a handy tool: an information package that tells them everything they need to know about creating a proper lake plan.

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations has put the toolkit together and is making it available to its members for a nominal mailing fee.

"My phone is ringing off the hook and my e-mail is full of people asking me, 'What's a lake plan, how do I do it, where do I go?'," Samantha Brown recently told 50 people gathered for a stakeholders meeting at the fish hatchery recently. "This program will hopefully answer all of those questions."

FOCA has hired Brown as its lake planning co-ordinator. She is working with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council to promote the initiative locally.

Terry Rees, FOCA's executive director, and stewardship coordinator Nicole Tuyten say that while lake associations have been putting together lake plans for about ten years, there is now more interest than ever.

"Waterfront property owners and lake associations really need support for the good work they're trying to do," said Tuyten. "There are a broad variety of organizations that we work with in Haliburton County and without collaborating with them we wouldn't be able to do the things we do."

"I think everybody wants to be able to sustain the viability of the lakes and this is a way to be proactive," said Salerno Lake association member Margaret Clayton. "Some people come here [Haliburton County] because they value natural habitat and one way of doing that is to maintain your lakes."

Salerno is in the midst of deciding whether to do a lake plan. FOCA's Lake

Planning Tool "would give us a starting point. We'd look at it and then decide if it will be something that we would beneficial for us."

FOCA wants feedback about the Lake Planning Tool from property owners and lake association members. The program is available on either DVD or paper and includes people need to know about building a proper lake plan.

Attending the meeting were lake association members from around the country and there was certainly no shortage of feedback.

While lake plans aren't appropriate for all associations, they are rarely a bad idea, said Randy French of French Planning Services, who has been hired by FOCA to help with the program. To a certain extent, a lake plan shifts control from government to lakeshore property owner.

However, Dysart et al planner Pat Martin stressed that a lake plan is not legally binding and it must be reviewed every five years.

Municipalities adhere to their Official Plans, which include many planning and zoning bylaws and incorporate the Municipal Act guidelines. An Official Plan is part of a vibrant planning process that identifies community goals, prioritizes these goals, and develops strategies or policies to achieve these goals.

FOCA, working in collaboration with the stewardship council, will be offering professional support and consultation for lake planning and community consultations for sustainable waterfront living. The entire process is able to happen courtesy of a \$104,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"Building lake planning and landowner support tools will be an important contribution to effective stewardship in our region," said Tuyten in November when the news was first announced.

For Brown the experience has been overwhelming, in a positive manner.

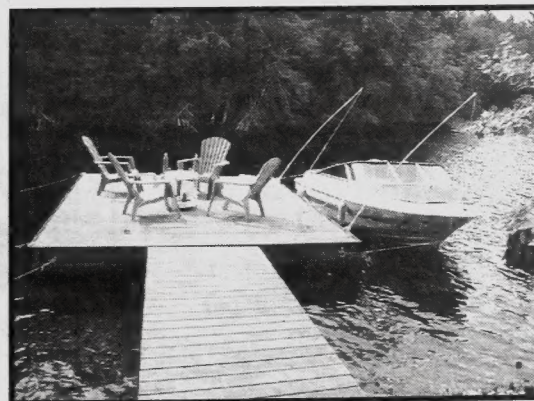
"I'm really glad to see so many lakes represented," she said.

To find out more about FOCA's and the Lake Planning Tool visit www.foca.on.ca. You can also e-mail Samantha

Brown at lakeplanning@foca.on.ca or call (705) 749-FOCA. To learn more about the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council call 286-5206, visit www.ontario-stewardship@ontario.ca, or e-mail Nicole Tuyten at nicole.tuyten@ontario.ca.

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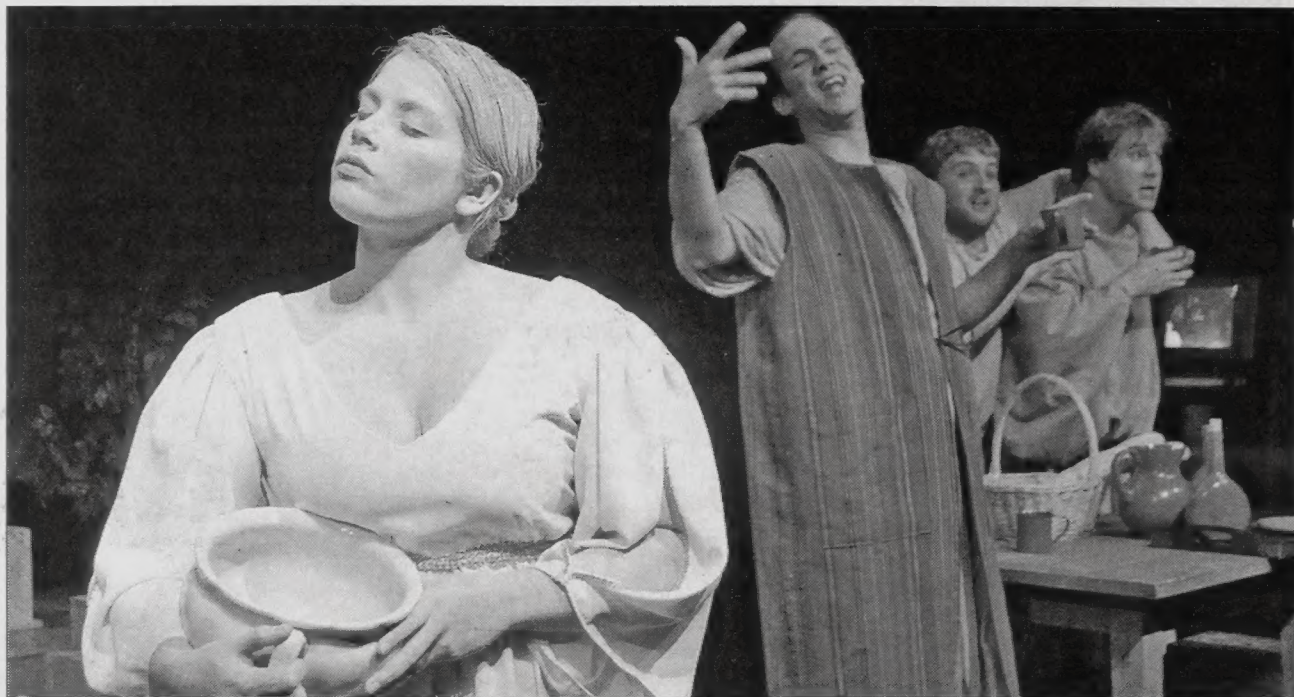
Highlands Summer Festival invites you to do something dramatic

Coming right up: a season of laughs, a few tears, murder, mayhem and beautiful music. The Highlands Summer Festival and the Highlands Opera Studio are gearing up for the coming season.

"We have an outstanding summer of entertainment set to go," artistic producer Scot Denton says. "The season has something for everyone from side-splitting comedy to endearing story from an award-winning Canadian author to a gripping thriller that will surprise you at every turn. The Festival also includes concerts, featuring outstanding performances in classical and contemporary music. And, the Highlands Opera Studio returns for its second season with stellar performances by Canada's emerging opera singers."

The season opens Monday, June 30 with the Larry Shue comedy, *The Foreigner*. The setting, a fishing lodge in rural Georgia. A British demolition expert arrives with a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie, who is overcome with fear of making conversation with strangers. So everyone is told that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Once his friend leaves on business, the fun really begins, as Charlie, *The Foreigner*, overhears more than he should. What he hears fuels the nonstop hilarity of the play and sets up the wildly funny climax in which things go uproariously awry for the "bad guys," and the "good guys" emerge triumphant. Directed by Ralph Small. *The Foreigner* also plays July 1 to 4 and 9 to 11.

The award-winning play, *Trying*, by Canadian Joanna Glass, opens on Monday, July 14. A young Canadian from the prairies finds herself next in a long series of secretaries to Francis Biddle, the crusty former Attorney General under Roosevelt and a Nuremberg judge. Based on the author's personal experience, the play is set in 1967, during the last year of Biddle's life and pits the elderly politico, who knows his time is limited, against a young woman, eager to do her best but unwilling to be cowed by Biddle's cantankerous attitude. The intersection of American and Canadian perspectives and of youth and age, provides ample material for the author to explore the relationship from a variety of angles. Joanna



The Highlands Opera Studio returns this August. The public can listen to the fruits of all the students' hard work at an Opera Excerpts Concert and two one-act operas over Three Fantastic Nights of Opera. File photo by Martha Perkins.

Glass has become one of Canada's most respected playwrights. Directed by Scot Denton. *Trying* also plays July 15 to 18 and 23 to 25.

The thriller *Deathtrap* opens on Monday, July 28. Comfortably ensconced in his charming Connecticut home, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of thrillers, is struggling to overcome a "dry" spell. A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives a script from a student he met in a seminar at a nearby college. He recognizes the thriller, *Deathtrap*, as a potential Broadway hit. Sidney's plan is to offer to work collaboratively with the student, an idea which the younger man quickly accepts. It is then the plot begins to twist and turn with devilish cleverness, and with such an abundance of thrills and laughter that audiences will be held enthralled until the final, startling moments. By the author of *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Boys From Brazil* and the *Stepford Wives*. Directed by Marianne McLissac. *Deathtrap* also plays July 29 to August 1 and August 6 to 8.

The first concert of the season, *Double Trouble*, opens Monday, July 7. Melissa Stephens is back in a show developed by artistic producer Scot Denton, and she has brought two young singers with her – one from the world of opera and the other from the bright lights of Broadway. Their task is to compare and contrast the two musical styles to Stephens's accompaniment. Along the way the three musicians illustrate the finer points of each genre and discover there isn't much difference between the two after all. Three musicians, three concerts, three great evenings of entertainment... *Double Trouble* July 7, 22 and August 4.

Another outstanding festival concert, *Under the Influence*, opens July 11. The musical tradition at Highlands Summer

Festival continues this year with the return of flautist Tom Regina and pianist and singer Lauren McInnes to the festival stage. They will be joined by harpist Dawna Coleman, who added so much musically to last season's production of *The Fantasticks*. As they weave their magic, you will be Under the Influence with music selections from classical to contemporary. The three concerts are sure to delight and entertain. With a script by Kerry Riley, *Under the Influence* takes to the stage July 11, 21 and August 5.

The Highlands Opera Studio, with artistic directors Richard Margison and Valerie Kuinka, returns with two performance opportunities: an Opera Excerpts Concert on August 15; and Three Fantastic Nights of Opera, with two one-act comedic operas, August 25, 27 and 29.

The participants in this season's Highlands Opera Studio present an evening of their favourites from best-loved operas of the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear familiar arias, duets, choruses and more... all in one evening. *The Opera Excerpts Concert* is a single event presentation and tickets will sell quickly.

After three weeks of intensive training, the ten aspiring opera singers showcase their talents, as they present two one-act comedic operas in Three Fantastic Nights of Opera, August 25, 27 and 29. Also, watch for *Opera Master Classes*, scheduled for August 7, 8 and 9, at the Minden United Church.

With an invitation to "Do Something Dramatic This Summer", festival producer David Mills notes, "It doesn't have to be an expensive evening out. We have great talent, a varied program and a comfortable experience in the air conditioned Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton at a very affordable price."

Tickets for each event, at just \$25, are available through the Highlands Summer Festival box office. (*Opera Master Class* tickets are only available at the door, Minden United Church) Call (705) 457-9933 or e-mail tickets@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca. For more information about the Highlands Summer Festival and the Highlands Opera Studio visit, www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.



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Community Calendar

• **May 22: Ayurvedic Cooking Class:** Join Jocelyn Smith and Allie Chisholm Smith at The Dorset Recreation Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. Spend the evening with delicious, cleansing and nutritious Ayurvedic food. Please call for more information and to register call Allie or Jocelyn at 766-9968 or e-mail drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

• **May 22: The University Women's Club** will begin its monthly meeting with a plant sale in the parking lot at Fleming College, at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring along pre-potted plants to share from their own, family or friend's gardens. Our guest speaker will be Ursula Borysiuk of Minden Home Hardware Garden Centre who will tell us what grows well in Haliburton and bring along demonstration plants.

• **May 23: The SMART exercise program for seniors**, \$2 per session. 10:30 a.m., Echo Hills Apartment in Haliburton and 1 p.m. at Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden.

• **May 23: Fay Wilkinson - R.D. Lawrence Place**, Minden, at 7 p.m. Fay will be leading a talk on "The Mask in Theatre & Literature. Admission by donation.

• **May 24: Annual Plant Sale:** 10 a.m. sharp. At the Village Green in Minden. All plants grown by society members.

• **May 24: Closing reception for Cash Cups**, a multimedia art exhibit of bras to raise money for Cottage Dreams. TV host Carson Arthur of Green Force will be the auctioneer. It's also your last change to bid on silent auction items, 7 p.m. viewing, The Art Hive, Hwy. 118 Maple Lake.

• **May 24: Plant Sale - Village Green, Minden.** Minden and District Horticultural Society.

• **May 30: The SMART exercise program for seniors**, \$2 per session. 10:30 a.m., Echo Hills Apartment in Haliburton and 1 p.m. at Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden.

• **May 31: Flower Arrangement Workshop** - miniatures and Pot et fleur, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Lions Hall in Minden at a cost of \$30 each. Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee, and dessert will be supplied. For more info call Jessie 286-4141 or Nancy at 286-2886.

• **May 31: Second Annual "Yard Sale for the Cure"** - Sponsored by Remax.

• **June 1: Spring Fling Fashion Show** - at the Haliburton Legion, featuring fashions by Country Pickins. Door prize, draws and refreshments. All proceeds used for needed equipment for the Haliburton Hospital Site. To order tickets please call 457-3030.

• **June 6: The SMART exercise program for seniors**, \$2 per session. 10:30 a.m., Echo Hills Apartment in Haliburton and 1 p.m. at Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden.

• **June 11: Four Fresh Paths to Caring - Community Care Drop In Centre.** Explore life as a series of paths in, out of, and about, caring relationships. This colourful, fun and interactive event renews our connection with the power of caring, presented by Carol Kilby of the GAIA Centre.

• **June 12: Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Families with children 0 to 6 years. Join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! Phone 286-1770 for more info or leave a message at 457-2989.

• **June 13: The SMART exercise program for seniors**, \$2 per session. 10:30 a.m., Echo Hills Apartment in Haliburton and 1 p.m. at Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden.

Cottage Calendar

To include your lake association's events in this free listing, e-mail them to editor@haliburtonecho.ca

Kushog Lake

June 7 - Annual General Meeting at Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall. Refreshments at 9 a.m., meeting at 9:30 to noon. Guest speaker Mitch O'Grady, bylaw officer, Township of Algonquin Highlands.

July 25 - Fun Golf Scramble, Lakeside Golf Club, 10 a.m. rain or shine. \$35 each, includes 9 holes of golf, luncheon and prizes. Contact Jere Pike 489-4838.

August 2 - Picnic at Pine Spring Valley Resort on Hwy 35. Land and water activities for kids and adults. Sail past of decorated boats at 11 a.m.

Soyers Lake

www.soyerslake.ca

July 6 - Annual Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. Register with Art Ward, 457-3154, or Jim Waddell, 457-3233. \$85 includes cart and prime rib dinner.

August 2 - Fun Sail, 2 p.m. Assembly point north end of the lake. No-wind date: August 3, 2 p.m.

August 16 - Corn Roast at 5 p.m.

August 30 - Annual General Meeting, 10 a.m. at Delta Pinestone Resort.



Brasiers are the newest fundraisers

This Saturday is the closing celebration for Cash Cups, a creative fundraiser for Cottage Dreams at the Art Hive in Maple Lake. These are three of the items up for bid: a purse by Coby Bradford; Roxy Pink, the Bra Monkey, by Lisa Rose; and a purse by Noelia Marziali. TV host Carson Arthur will begin the bidding at 8 p.m. on May 24.

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